



PLATTE RIVER BASIN FACT SHEET

WATER RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

The Platte River Basin encompasses nearly one quarter of the land area of Wyoming, and includes 54 active Municipalities and community public water systems. Surface water use is varied and fully allocated under the North Platte Decree.

Platte Surface Water Use

Irrigation Consumptive Use – 549,807 Acre-Feet/Year
 Municipal & Domestic – 6700 Acre-Feet/Year
 Industrial – 42,230 Acre-Feet/Year

Platte Groundwater Use

Irrigation Withdrawals - 206,745 Acre-Feet/Year
 Stock Water Withdrawal – 6,300 Acre-Feet/Year
 Municipal & Domestic Withdrawal – 15,841 Acre-Feet/Year
 Industrial Withdrawal – 76,897 Acre-Feet/Year

*The information provided above was taken from the 2006 *Platte River Basin Plan* and the 2013 *Platte River Basin Water Plan Update Groundwater Study*. Stay tuned to the Water Plan website for more information about the upcoming Platte River Basin Plan Update, including ways to get involved.

**NORTH PLATTE
BASIN – 21,907
SQUARE MILES**

**SOUTH PLATTE
BASIN – 2,000
SQUARE MILES**

**ELEVATIONS RANGE
BETWEEN 4025 &
12,013 FEET**

**PRECIPITATION
RANGES FROM 9 -
60 INCHES**

**41% OF THE STATE'S
POPULATION**

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